

Washington Parish Government
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
April 25, 2005
Minutes

Item No. 1 – Call to order – Chairman Darwin Sharp called the meeting to order.

Item No. 2 – Invocation – Councilman Rodney Brown gave the invocation.

Item No. 3 – Roll call – Clerk Sylvia Forbes called the roll. Present were Kenneth Wheat, Clinton Miley, Charles Nassauer, Rodney Brown, Relton Sumrall, Marvin Thomas and Darwin Sharp.

None were absent.

Item No. 4 – Approval of the minutes – Councilman Miley offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2005 meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

Item No. 5 – Adoption of the financial report – Councilman Brown offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Miley to adopt the financial report. All in favor, the motion carried.

Ordinance 05-353

Item No. 6 – Public hearing – Chairman Sharp opened the public hearing on an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 00-232 and Ordinance No. 00-234 and provide for permit fees for co-locating on existing telecommunication towers.

No one commented during the public hearing.

Councilman Miley offered a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilman Brown offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 05-353. Councilman Wheat seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Sumrall, Thomas, Sharp, Wheat, Miley, Nassauer and Brown)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

Item No. 7 – Public hearing – Chairman Sharp opened the public hearing on extending the boundaries for the Bogue Lusa Water Works District. The resolution had been adopted at the March 14, 2005 meeting.

There were no comments during the public hearing.

Councilman Miley offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Item No. 8 – Steve Verderber – Item No. 8 was omitted.

Item No. 9 – Patrick Chambers – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Patrick Chambers, Chief of the Navigation Unit, Rivers Operations Branch and Gary Walker, Project Management Branch was in attendance at the request of Public Works Director Leo Lucchesi. Mr. Chambers informed the council of the intentions of the U. S. Corps of Engineers to block entrances to the three locks and the Bogalusa sill of the West Pearl Navigation Canal. Due to the lack of funding, the Corps is in the process of building gates that will be used to block the entrances. He said the canal had been in caretaker status for some time with minimal funding, just enough to do minor repairs, pay the light bill and lock operator's expense. The lock operator is retiring on July 31st and on August 1st it will be in an unmanned status. This has all come about by the lack of operation and